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Prior application:

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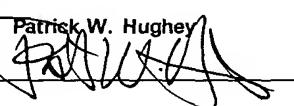
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) a  
 continuation application of:  
 divisional application of:

Pending Prior ApplicationApplication No. 10/244,351 filed Sep 16, 2002Title Droplet Plate ArchitectureName of applicant(s) Ramaswami et al.Copy of Application

( ) Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the drawings.  
 Enclosed is a new specification, including new drawings.

Oath or Declaration

Enclosed is a copy of the prior Declaration (37 CFR 1.63(d)).  
 Enclosed is a newly executed Declaration (original or copy).

Foreign Priority - 35 USC 119

( ) Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 has been claimed in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
 ( ) The certified copy has been filed in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 filed \_\_\_\_\_  
 ( ) A separate paper claiming direct priority to a foreign application is enclosed herewith. A certified copy of the foreign application will be provided in due course.

Relate Back - 35 USC 120

Amend the specification after the title by inserting the following heading:

--Cross Reference To Related Application(s)--;

and add the paragraph:

--This is a (X) continuation ( ) divisional  
 of copending application number 10/244,351 filed on Sep 16, 2002,  
 which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

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Inventorship Statement

Delete the following named individuals as inventors in this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(b) as a result of a change in the claimed subject matter:

Appointment of Associate Attorney

( ) Recognize as Associate Attorney or Agent \_\_\_\_\_

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( ) the Associate Attorney or Agent may not have the authority to appoint other Attorneys or Agents

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Other Amendments

( ) Before calculating the filing fee, amend the prior application as follows:

( ) Cancel the following claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes).

( ) Enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.

Fee Calculation

(X) The filing fee is calculated below for (X) Utility ( ) Design

CLAIMS AS FILED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY				
(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) TOTALS
TOTAL CLAIMS	8 — 20	0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2 — 3	0	X \$84	\$ 0
ANY MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS	0		\$280	\$ 0
BASIC FEE: Design (\$330.00); Utility (\$750.00)				\$ 750
TOTAL FILING FEE				\$ 750
TOTAL CHARGES TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT				\$ 750

Charge \$ 750 to Deposit Account 08-2025. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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